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New Mexico's unemployment rate declined from 8.6 to 8.3 percent in August, according to estimates based largely on the U.S. Department of Labor's household survey. Much of the decline was seasonal in nature due to expected employment gains in manufacturing and retail trade, along with the usual late summer decline in the number of youth seeking temporary work. The number of unemployed was estimated at 55,900 in August, while the total number of employed in the state was set at 616,300. New Mexico's unemployment situation so far this year continues to show improvement over 1986. The jobless rate has fallen by almost a percentage point over the last year, and the number of unemployed is now 5,700 lower than in August 1986. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) this August was 5.8 percent compared with 6.1 percent in July and 6.7 percent one year ago.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in New Mexico, based on a monthly employer payroll survey, was 534,400 in August, representing a 700 decline over the month. The small decrease was largely the result of seasonal payroll cutbacks in services and government.

The largest payroll increases in August occurred in manufacturing, as seasonal hiring in food processing helped push up employment in the industry. Mining added 100 jobs during the month as an Eddy County potash mine reopened after a one-month maintenance shutdown. One of the most disappointing employment changes in August was the rather meager 100 increase in construction. After experiencing a strong gain in July, the industry reverted to the sluggish employment pattern in evidence this spring. As a result, construction employment is now more than 1,000 jobs below the level of one year ago.

Total nonfarm payroll employment in New Mexico continues to show restrained growth, with an increase of 5,400 jobs or 1.0 percent from August 1986. Construction, transportation & utilities, and government are reporting lower payrolls than one year ago, while the other major industries, with the exception of manufacturing, are registering generally modest employment gains. Manufacturing employment is now up by 2,000 jobs or a healthy 5.3 percent over the year, and the transportation equipment, food processing, and apparel subsectors have been leading the way.

AUGUST SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Aug. 1987	Jul. 1987	Aug. 1986	Jul. 1987	Aug. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	672,200	677,900	680,100	-5,700	-7,900
Employment	616,300	619,700	618,500	-3,400	-2,200
Unemployment	55,900	58,200	61,600	-2,300	-5,700
Rate	8.3%	8.6%	9.1%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM AUG 1987	REVISED JUL 1987	REVISED AUG 1986	AUG CHANGE FROM JUL 1987	AUG CHANGE FROM AUG 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	534,400	535,100	529,000	-700	5,400
MINING	15,200	15,100	15,200	100	0
Metal Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	-100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,800	3,700	4,100	100	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,400	9,400	9,000	0	400
CONSTRUCTION	35,900	35,800	37,000	100	-1,100
MANUFACTURING	40,000	39,200	38,000	800	2,000
DURABLE GOODS	25,900	25,600	24,600	300	1,300
Lumber & Wood Products	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100
Elec & Electronic Equip	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Transportation Equipment	5,100	5,100	4,200	0	900
Other Durable Goods	10,800	10,600	10,600	200	200
NONDURABLE GOODS	14,100	13,600	13,400	500	700
Food & Kindred Products	4,900	4,400	4,600	500	300
Textile & Apparel	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,600	6,600	6,400	0	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	27,900	27,700	28,600	200	-700
TRANSPORTATION	12,200	11,900	12,100	300	100
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,100	2,400	0	-300
Trucking & Warehousing	6,100	6,000	5,800	100	300
Other Transportation	4,000	3,800	3,900	200	100
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,700	15,800	16,500	-100	-800
Communication	6,600	6,700	6,900	-100	-300
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,100	9,100	9,600	0	-500
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	131,300	131,000	129,600	300	1,700
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,500	22,500	22,500	0	0
Durable Goods	13,600	13,500	13,400	100	200
Nondurable Goods	8,900	9,000	9,100	-100	-200
RETAIL TRADE	108,800	108,500	107,100	300	1,700
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,500	4,700	4,600	-200	-100
General Merchandise Stores	12,900	12,700	12,100	200	800
Food Stores	15,600	15,700	16,500	-100	-900
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,600	13,600	13,300	0	300
Apparel & Accessories	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Furniture & Furnishing	4,700	4,600	4,300	100	400
Eating & Drinking Places	39,900	39,400	39,200	500	700
Miscellaneous Retail	12,200	12,400	11,700	-200	500
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	27,400	27,300	26,900	100	500
Banking	8,000	8,000	8,100	0	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,800	3,800	3,600	0	200
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Real Estate	6,700	6,500	6,500	200	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,000	6,100	5,900	-100	100
SERVICES	124,700	125,200	120,400	-500	4,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,900	13,000	12,300	-100	600
Personal Services	6,000	5,800	5,900	200	100
Business Services	29,000	29,300	27,700	-300	1,300
Health Services	30,100	30,000	29,600	100	500
Legal Services	4,100	4,200	4,000	-100	100
Educational Services	4,000	3,800	4,200	200	-200
Social Services	6,400	6,500	6,100	-100	300
Membership Organizations	8,400	8,600	7,700	-200	700
Other Services	23,800	24,000	22,900	-200	900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	132,000	133,800	133,300	-1,800	-1,300
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	32,000	32,000	30,600	0	1,400
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	100,000	101,800	102,700	-1,800	-2,700
State Government 2/	43,500	44,400	48,500	-900	-5,000
Local Government	56,500	57,400	54,200	-900	2,300

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

Albuquerque's employment situation changed very little over the past month. Both July's revised unemployment rate and the August preliminary rate stood at 6.3 percent. Albuquerque's unemployment rate has varied only slightly over the past year, generally falling within the low-to-mid-six percent range.

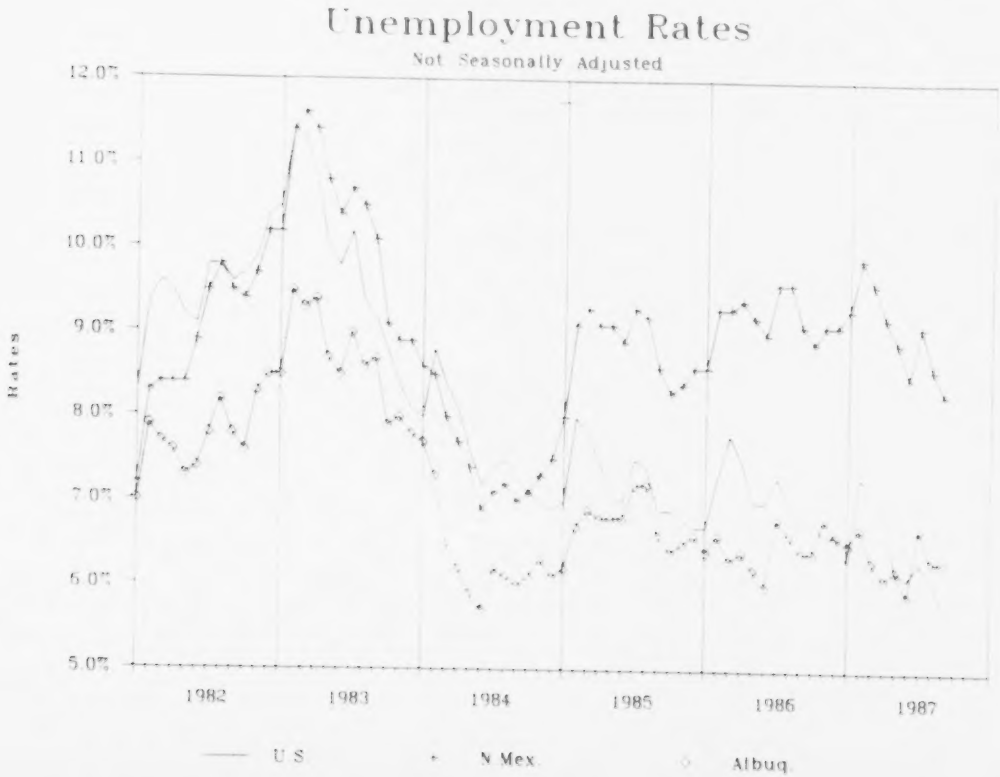
One reason the unemployment rate seems to have found a home at the mid-six percent range is the modest growth in the number of nonagricultural jobs. Albuquerque's economy has generated 3,800 new jobs over the last year - a relatively constrained 1.7 percent increase. Although this is somewhat faster growth than the 1.0 percent growth experienced statewide, it remains below the increase of 2.5 percent reported nationally.

During August, total nonfarm payroll employment posted a 400 increase, a subdued increase for late summer. Of the eight major industries monitored, four showed no change at all. Construction employment was unchanged during a month which normally sees job gains of between 200 and 300 in the building industry. Construction has actually changed very little throughout the spring and summer, and as a result, employment in the industry is now down by 700 jobs over the year.

Manufacturing added 200 jobs in August; about half were seasonal food processing jobs and the remainder were scattered among electronic equipment and several small non-durable goods subsectors. The largest payroll increase was in trade, with seasonal hiring in general merchandise and restaurants accounting for the majority of the additional jobs.

AUGUST SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Aug. 1987	Jul. 1987	Jun. 1986	Jul. 1987	Jun. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	254,100	257,600	255,700	-3,500	-1,600
Employment	238,100	241,400	239,200	-3,300	-1,100
Unemployment	16,000	16,200	16,500	- 200	- 500
Rate	6.3%	6.3%	6.5%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM AUGUST 1987	REVISED JULY 1987	REVISED AUGUST 1986	AUGUST CHANGE FROM JULY 1987	AUGUST CHANGE FROM AUGUST 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	232,200	231,800	228,400	400	3,800
MINING	200	200	200	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	17,100	17,100	17,800	0	-700
MANUFACTURING	19,900	19,700	19,900	200	0
Durable Goods	14,100	14,100	14,300	0	-200
Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,600	5,600	200	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,200	12,200	12,100	0	100
Transportation	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	100
Communication	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	61,000	60,600	59,200	400	1,800
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,200	14,200	14,000	0	200
Durable Goods	9,700	9,700	9,500	0	200
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	46,800	46,400	45,200	400	1,600
General Merchandise Stores	5,200	5,100	4,600	100	600
Food Stores	5,000	5,000	5,500	0	-500
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	18,200	18,000	17,600	200	600
Other Retail Trade	13,300	13,200	12,500	100	800
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	15,000	15,000	14,400	0	600
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	4,300	4,300	4,000	0	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	7,500	7,500	7,200	0	300
SERVICES	64,000	64,100	61,400	-100	2,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4,100	4,100	3,800	0	300
Personal Services	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Business Services	20,800	20,800	19,800	0	1,000
Health Services	14,600	14,500	14,100	100	500
Social Services	3,100	3,200	2,700	-100	400
Membership Organizations	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
Other Services	16,400	16,500	16,000	-100	400
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	42,800	42,900	43,400	-100	-600
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	13,200	13,500	12,900	-300	300
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	29,600	29,400	30,500	200	-900
State Government	10,500	9,900	11,900	600	-1,400
Local Government	19,100	19,500	18,600	-400	500

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
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LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM AUG 1987	REVISED JUL 1987	REVISED AUG 1986	AUG CHANGE FROM JUL 1987	AUG CHANGE FROM AUG 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	38,150	37,700	39,650	450	-1,500
MINING	50	50	50	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,900	2,900	2,700	0	200
MANUFACTURING	3,400	3,200	3,500	200	-100
Durable Goods	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	100
Nondurable Goods	2,100	1,900	2,300	200	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Transportation	400	350	400	50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	800	850	800	-50	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,800	7,650	7,800	150	0
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	850	0	-50
RETAIL TRADE	7,000	6,850	6,950	150	50
General Merchandise Stores	900	850	900	50	0
Food Stores	1,050	1,050	1,000	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	1,000	900	900	100	100
Eating & Drinking Places	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	-100
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,650	1,600	0	50
SERVICES	6,250	6,150	5,500	100	750
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	800	800	550	0	250
Business Services	1,400	1,300	1,050	100	350
Health Services	1,750	1,750	1,650	0	100
Social Services	300	300	250	0	50
Other Services	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	14,900	14,900	17,300	0	-2,400
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,300	4,400	4,400	-100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	10,600	10,500	12,900	100	-2,300
State Government	5,400	5,400	8,400	0	-3,000
Local Government	5,200	5,100	4,500	100	700

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM AUG 1987	REVISED JUL 1987	REVISED AUG 1986	AUG CHANGE FROM JUL 1987	AUG CHANGE FROM AUG 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	55,750	56,150	54,600	-400	1,150
MINING	50	100	100	-50	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	100
MANUFACTURING	1,650	1,650	1,600	0	50
Durable Goods	1,050	1,050	1,000	0	50
Nondurable Goods	600	600	600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	-100
Transportation	400	400	400	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	700	800	0	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11,350	11,200	10,700	150	650
WHOLESALE TRADE	750	750	700	0	50
RETAIL TRADE	10,600	10,450	10,000	150	600
General Merchandise Stores	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Food Stores	2,000	1,950	1,750	50	250
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	4,200	4,100	4,000	100	200
Other Retail Trade	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	100
SERVICES	14,700	14,700	14,200	0	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	100
Business Services	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Health Services	3,100	3,000	3,000	100	100
Social Services	600	600	600	0	0
Other Services	5,600	5,700	5,400	-100	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	21,200	21,700	21,300	-500	-100
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,600	1,700	1,700	-100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,600	20,000	19,600	-400	0
State Government 3/	16,000	16,300	16,300	-300	-300
Local Government	3,600	3,700	3,300	-100	300

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.
2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
3/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS
Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986
MINING	$491.05	$493.31	$503.23	42.7	42.6	39.5	11.50	11.58	12.74
CONSTRUCTION	$407.16	$406.07	$407.74	39.0	38.6	38.0	10.44	10.52	10.73
MANUFACTURING	$346.43	$353.13	$338.82	39.1	39.5	38.9	8.86	8.94	8.71
Durable Goods	$357.30	$364.51	$346.58	39.7	40.1	39.7	9.00	9.09	8.73
Nondurable Goods	$319.58	$326.04	$322.15	38.0	38.0	37.2	8.41	8.58	8.66
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$570.06	$557.71	$585.64	41.1	43.1	44.4	13.87	12.94	13.19
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$224.09	$228.77	$218.44	33.1	33.3	32.7	6.77	6.87	6.68
Wholesale Trade	$375.66	$379.85	$378.48	40.7	40.8	41.5	9.23	9.31	9.12
Retail Trade	$195.93	$200.65	$188.78	31.5	31.9	31.1	6.22	6.29	6.07
BANKING	$226.10	$223.82	$218.68	38.0	38.0	37.9	5.95	5.89	5.77
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986
MANUFACTURING	$357.59	$363.13	$349.77	39.6	39.6	39.3	9.03	9.17	8.90
Durable Goods	$373.46	$380.70	$361.00	39.9	40.5	40.2	9.36	9.40	8.98
Nondurable Goods	$307.51	$309.22	$313.63	38.2	36.9	36.3	8.05	8.38	8.64

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Albuquerque Area: Construction has started on a new $10 million shopping center to be built at the northwest corner of Coors Boulevard and Central Avenue. The center will have a 75,000-square-foot Furr's Food Emporium, a 9,000-square-foot bakery, several small shops, and an urgent care center. The project should be completed by March of 1988. Builders Square, a division of K Mart Corp., opened a new hardware store in September. The 80,160-square-foot store is located at Hotel Circle, I-40 and Eubank NE. Construction will begin November 12 on two Target department stores. One will be located next to Builders Square at I-40 and Eubank, the other will be at Academy Center near Montgomery and Wyoming. Each store will contain 101,900 square feet, should be completed by the fall of 1988, and will employ over 200 workers apiece.

Alamogordo Area: Contract negotiations were recently completed between TRW Corporation and the Pentagon for a $125.6 million systems management and engineering project at Orogrande's "Star Wars" laser facility. TRW will employ approximately 250 workers at the peak of the project - about 180 TRW personnel and the remainder subcontractor workers. TRW's main office will be at the Orogrande site on White Sands Missile Range. Management of the 68,000-square-foot Value+ general merchandise store in Alamogordo has announced plans to close the facility. A new $6 million sawmill operation was recently dedicated on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation. The sawmill, which has the capacity to cut up to 25 million board-feet of lumber a year, is expected to initially employ approximately 80 tribal members. Ruidoso Downs Race Track closed for the season on September 6, resulting in the layoff of over 250 workers.

Carlsbad / Artesia Area: Western Ag Minerals recalled its workers at the end of August after a one-month maintenance shutdown at its potash mine. A Washington state firm, Nuclear Packaging of Federal Way, was awarded a $3.5 million contract to design and manufacture containers used to transport nuclear waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP).

Nuclear Packaging will build the first of six containers and trailers out of state; however, Gregory Enterprises of Carlsbad, working under a subcontract, will construct the remaining containers. Gregory Enterprises is expected to employ about 30 workers when assembly operations begin early next year.

Clovis / Portales Area: Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) Regents approved plans for a $4.6 million Performing Arts Center on the Portales campus and various projects, costing an estimated $2.4 million, on the Roswell campus of ENMU. Frozfruit Corporation in Clovis laid off 47 workers in mid-August in anticipation of the usual fall/winter drop off in demand for the firm's frozen fruit bar product. The recent layoff drops the firm's payroll to approximately 65 workers. Frozfruit employs up to 160 persons during the summer months.

Farmington Area: A Canadian firm, Mav-Rec, is considering Farmington for the location of a recreational vehicle manufacturing plant which could employ up to 25 workers. Jaynes Corporation has been awarded a $1.2 million contract to build a new post office in Bloomfield. Between 40 and 60 Farmington City employees could lose their jobs during the next two months. The City Council ordered the reduction as a result of a continued loss of revenue due to the slump in the oil and gas industry. A new 22,000-square-foot Thriftway shopping center opened on U.S. 550 in Waterflow in early September.

Hobbs / Lovington Area: Lone Star Hardware, a franchise of Westlake Hardware, is scheduled to open a retail outlet in October at the closed 38,000-square-foot Allwoods Home Center location on North Dal Paso in Hobbs. Lone Star is also opening a store in the closed Allwoods facility in Roswell at the same time. The stores are expected to employ approximately 30 workers each. A Roswell firm, Armstrong Construction, was awarded a $611,000 contract for road work on south Grimes street in Hobbs. Rotary drilling activity in the Permian Basin dropped to 131 operating rigs during the last week in August after setting the high for the year the previous week with 141 rigs. One year ago, the basin count of operating oil rigs was 82, according to Hughes Tool Co. officials who compile the drilling activity counts.

Las Cruces Area: Local developers Jim Ikard and John Ikard recently announced plans for a $9 million renovation project at the Loretto Center in Las Cruces. The project will convert the nearly vacant shopping center into an office and retail complex to be called Loretto Towne Centre. A $13.1 million National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) contract was recently awarded to Argee Corporation of Denver; the company will build several facilities at the NASA tracking and data relay station northeast of Las Cruces on the White Sands Missile Range. The project is expected to mean an additional 150 jobs at the NASA site by mid-1989 when they are fully operational. Federal officials have announced a start up date of next May for a new $3 million port of entry facility at Columbus.

Los Alamos: Los Alamos National Laboratory conducted groundbreaking ceremonies this month on a new $25 million computing center. Construction on the 90,000-square-foot, three story building will start soon and should be completed by the spring of 1989. The center will house the world's most powerful scientific computing facility.

Roswell Area: Hondo Oil and Gas Company, a Roswell-based independent oil producing company, is merging with Pauley Petroleum Inc. of Los Angeles which will result in additional jobs at the firm's Roswell headquarters. According to Hondo officials, the present staff of 100 in Roswell could double within the next one to two years. Hondo was founded in 1986 by Robert O. Anderson, retired chairman of Atlantic Richfield.

Silver City Area: Brown and Root Inc. has begun hiring workers for the construction of the new $55 million solvent extraction-electrowinning plant at the Phelps Dodge copper mine at Santa Rita. Brown and Root is expected to employ about 250 workers on the project.

Socorro Area: Testing activity is continuing at the Stallion Site on the White Sands Missile Range southeast of Socorro for the U.S. Army Forward Area Air Defense (FAAD) system. Four prospective contractors, including Martin Marietta and Hughes Aircraft, are in competition for the FAAD contract. The U.S. Army is expected to select the winning contractor sometime in November.

ANNUAL AVERAGE PAY FOR 1986

Annual average pay figures are in for 1986. Each year the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) compiles data showing annual average pay for workers covered by unemployment insurance. The data are broken down by state, and industry within that state, i.e."who did what, where, and for how much".

The average annual pay for all covered workers in New Mexico last year was $17,301, which was up by 1.8 percent from 1985. The bad news is, New Mexico lost ground on the rest of the country for the fourth year in a row. We were ranked 32nd in 1983, 33rd in 1984, 35th in 1985, and dropped to 39th in 1986. Annual average pay is computed by dividing total annual payrolls of employers covered by unemployment insurance programs by average monthly employment for the employers. Average annual pay data is affected by the ratio of full-time to part-time workers as well as the number of workers in high-paying versus entry level jobs. Below is the annual average pay data for both New Mexico and the nation.

Annual Average Pay in 1986

	New Mexico		U.S.	
	Dollars	% change 1985-86	Dollars	% change 1985-86
Private	$16,293	1.6%	$19,746	4.0%
Mining	28,787	3.5	32,555	3.8
Construction	16,736	2.0	22,190	3.8
Manufacturing	20,187	3.9	24,861	4.3
Trans.& Public Util.	24,933	2.5	26,561	3.4
Wholesale Trade	20,020	1.1	24,820	4.4
Retail Trade	10,038	.9	11,139	3.7
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	18,269	5.6	24,249	8.7
Services	16,891	4.2	17,643	4.6
Government	19,823	2.4	21,083	4.1

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	Aug. 1987	Jul. 1987	Aug. 1986	Percent Change Jul.'87-Aug.'87	Percent Change Aug.'86-Aug.'87
CPI-U	342.7	340.8	328.6	+0.6%	+4.3%
CPI-W	337.4	335.6	323.4	+0.5%	+4.3%

Index Base Year 1967 = 100

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1987				REVISED JULY 1987				REVISED AUGUST 1986			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	672,189	616,321	55,868	8.3%	677,851	619,696	58,155	8.6%	680,119	618,488	61,631	9.1%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	254,111	238,114	15,997	6.3%	257,591	241,353	16,238	6.3%	255,728	239,243	16,485	6.4%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	55,080	51,027	4,053	7.4%	54,073	49,658	4,415	8.2%	56,144	52,214	3,930	7.0%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	67,339	63,746	3,593	5.3%	67,972	64,345	3,627	5.3%	66,284	62,904	3,380	5.1%
Catron	1,302	1,194	108	8.3%	1,272	1,161	111	8.7%	1,171	1,049	122	10.4%
Chaves	22,147	20,453	1,694	7.6%	22,529	20,723	1,806	8.0%	22,213	20,084	2,129	9.6%
Cibola	8,853	7,597	1,256	14.2%	9,165	7,895	1,270	13.9%	8,925	7,288	1,637	18.3%
Colfax	7,454	6,723	731	9.8%	7,539	6,745	794	10.5%	7,683	6,860	823	10.7%
Curry	16,809	15,571	1,238	7.4%	17,046	15,786	1,260	7.4%	17,497	16,384	1,113	6.4%
De Baca	969	885	84	8.7%	976	891	85	8.7%	988	901	87	8.8%
Eddy	20,406	18,100	2,306	11.3%	21,070	18,235	2,835	13.5%	22,685	19,427	3,258	14.4%
Grant	9,954	9,039	915	9.2%	9,819	8,912	907	9.2%	9,598	8,379	1,219	12.7%
Guadalupe	1,720	1,471	249	14.5%	1,675	1,424	251	15.0%	1,653	1,437	216	13.1%
Harding	489	442	47	9.6%	504	459	45	8.9%	504	454	50	9.9%
Hidalgo	2,372	2,233	139	5.9%	2,477	2,335	142	5.7%	2,516	2,375	141	5.6%
Lea	22,381	20,193	2,188	9.8%	22,780	20,453	2,327	10.2%	24,867	21,194	3,673	14.8%
Lincoln	8,119	7,719	400	4.9%	8,112	7,685	427	5.3%	8,285	7,871	414	5.0%
Luna	5,973	5,195	778	13.0%	5,715	4,931	784	13.7%	5,981	5,175	806	13.5%
McKinley	16,987	14,846	2,141	12.6%	17,144	14,866	2,278	13.3%	17,176	14,654	2,522	14.7%
Mora	1,285	921	364	28.3%	1,292	913	379	29.3%	1,275	850	425	33.3%
Otero	17,714	16,353	1,361	7.7%	17,799	16,485	1,314	7.4%	17,767	16,445	1,322	7.4%
Quay	4,411	4,082	329	7.5%	4,565	4,227	338	7.4%	4,650	4,238	412	8.9%
Rio Arriba	13,539	11,243	2,296	17.0%	13,297	10,889	2,408	18.1%	12,876	10,459	2,417	18.8%
Roosevelt	6,559	6,157	402	6.1%	6,964	6,518	446	6.4%	6,736	6,408	328	4.9%
Sandoval	23,597	21,709	1,888	8.0%	23,169	21,322	1,847	8.0%	23,132	21,117	2,015	8.7%
San Juan	33,925	28,851	5,074	15.0%	34,285	29,008	5,277	15.4%	35,867	29,620	6,247	17.4%
San Miguel	10,020	8,774	1,246	12.4%	9,993	8,780	1,213	12.1%	9,738	8,503	1,235	12.7%
Sierra	2,520	2,342	178	7.1%	2,559	2,399	160	6.3%	2,523	2,363	160	6.3%
Socorro	5,694	5,206	488	8.6%	5,687	5,116	571	10.0%	5,691	5,189	502	8.8%
Taos	10,034	7,621	2,413	24.0%	10,201	7,635	2,566	25.2%	10,042	7,468	2,574	25.6%
Torrance	3,220	2,903	317	9.8%	3,393	3,028	365	10.8%	3,170	2,845	325	10.3%
Union	2,052	1,905	147	7.2%	2,081	1,927	154	7.4%	2,174	2,006	168	7.7%
Valencia	15,154	13,706	1,448	9.6%	15,107	13,592	1,515	10.0%	14,580	13,084	1,496	10.3%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

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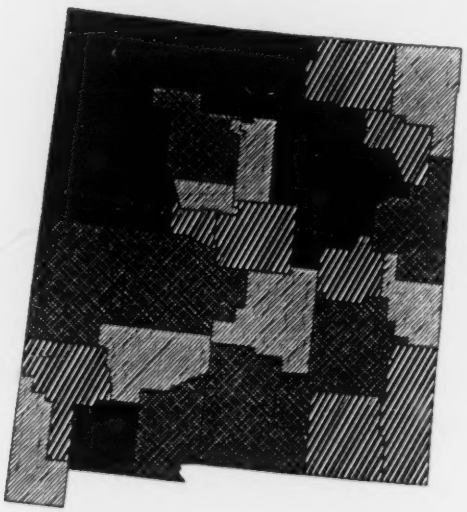

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